AC, Main System activated
AGE NEW CHALLENGE 2007
All weapons online
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All green
Generator, radiator, FCS,
Engaging combat mode
Vulcan-saber

フロム・ソフトウェアの監修・協力を受けて、
俊英が作画に腕をふるう!!

メカバトル・アクションの世界へ
ようこそ!!

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新連載!!
AGE NEW CHALLENGE 2007
Conflict after conflict, the dissolution of the Corporations allows independent territories to claim themselves as countries. The war for land and resources escalates.
And within that battlefield, a certain weapon is exists
ARMORED CORE
-TOWER CITY BLADE-
Art:Issei Hyouju
Supervisor:Hiroyuki Goto<FROM SOFTWARE>
The gigantic humanoid weapon
Armored Core
Even by itself, it is capable of turning the tide of battle
But the battlefield is not the only place we can find the AC
There exists another field of battle where ACs battle

そして、〝レイヴン〟と呼ばれるものは

"Raven" is the name given to the pilots of these machines

〝アリーナ〟

"The Arena"

己が全てをこの世界にぶつけ、頂点を目指せ!!

Giving their all into their ACs, aiming to be the top ranker in the arena!

The awaited series starts on page 33!

ARMORED CORE

TOWER CITY BLADE

Chapter 1 "The Sword of Vulcan, named..."

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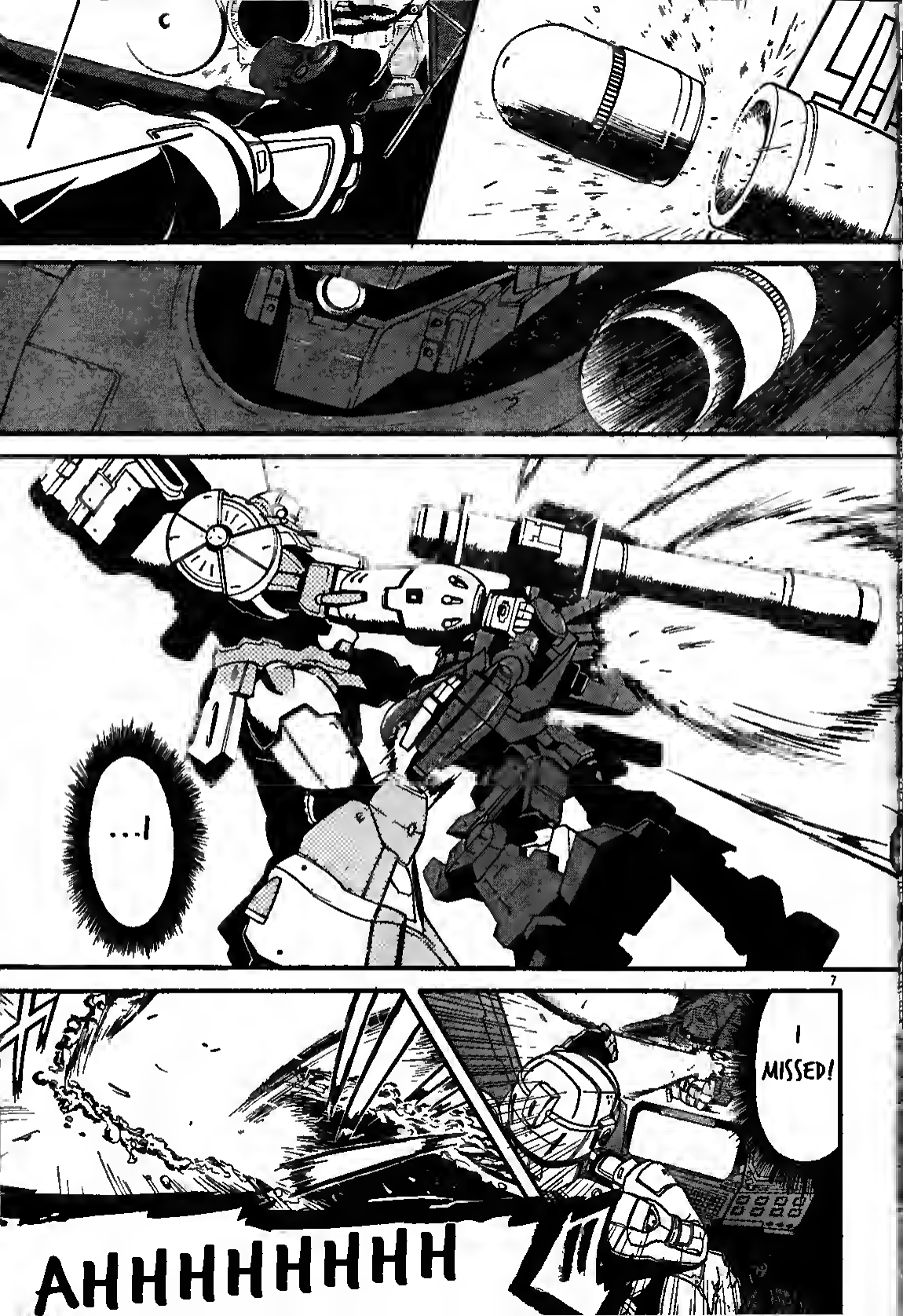
PS3用最新作!
AC4絶賛発売中!

WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT!? CLOSER OR FURTHER AWAY!?
Vulcansaber—
Left arm damaged, AP at 50%
Heat increasing, close-range combat is recommended
UGH... AAAAH!
GAAH!
THIS GUY KEEPS AIMING FOR THE CORE!
Core damaged
Core damaged

YOU'RE MINE!
I CAN HEAR YOUR GEN-ERATOR SCREAM ING! THIS IS WHAT YOU GET...
FOR NOT DOING YOUR SYSTEM CHECKS BEFORE BATTLE!
Missiles locked
Extension missiles activated
WHICH MEANS IT'S GOING TO CHANGE ITS MOVEMENT DIRECTION IN 2.79?!
IT'S JUST LIKE MY PRO-GRAM PRE-DICTED! GO!
Amber-Maiden
He:H09-SPIDER
Co:C05_SELENA
Ar:A04-BABOON
Le:LH13-JACKAL2
Bo:CR-B81
Fe:CR-F82D2
Ge:CR-G84P
Ra:R03-LINDEN
In:NONE
Ex:CR-E92RM3
Br:CR-WBW94M2
Bl:CR-WBW94M2
Ar:CR-WR76B
Al:CR-WL95G
Ha:NONE
Ha:NONE
A heavy bipedal design focused on mid-range combat. Its incredible fire-power suits it for the Arena. It is a finely tuned machine, stand in front of it and you'll be turned into swiss cheese.

IT DODGED WITH AN OB!
DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN WIN
JUST BE-CAUSE I HAVE TO LOCK-ON!
BUT YOU'VE ALREADY LOST...!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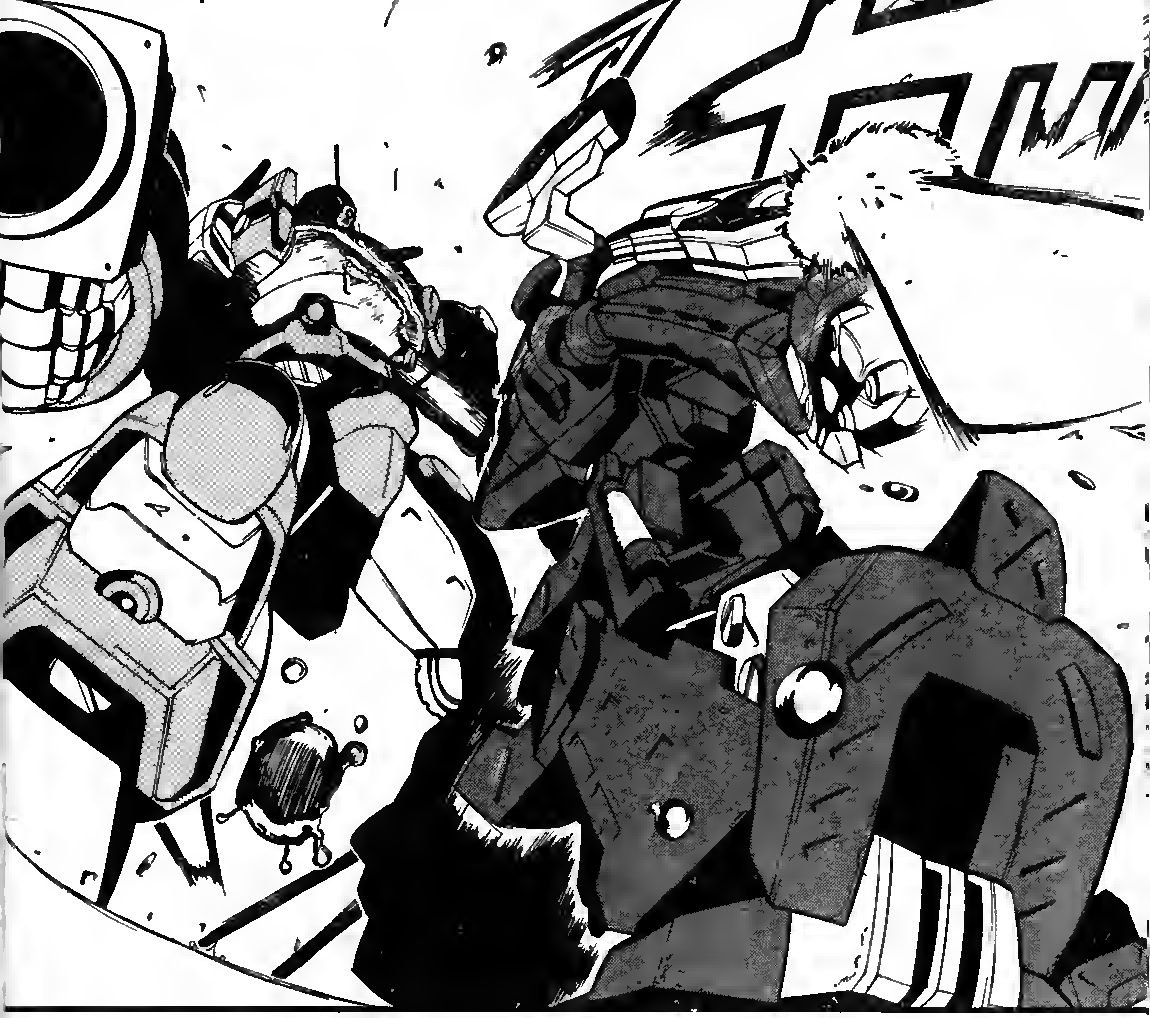
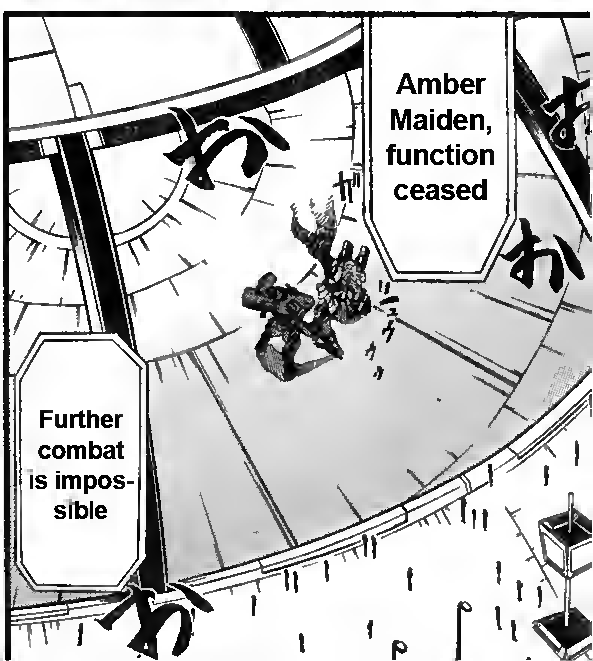
I MISSED!
AHHHHHHHH

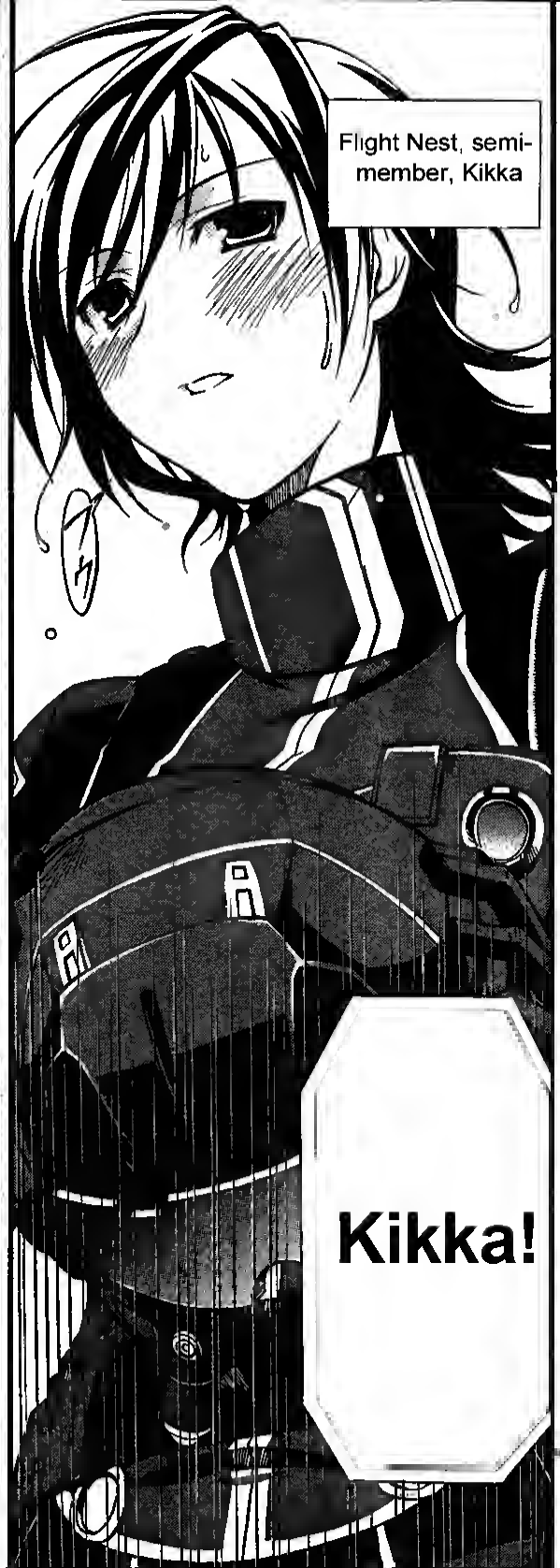


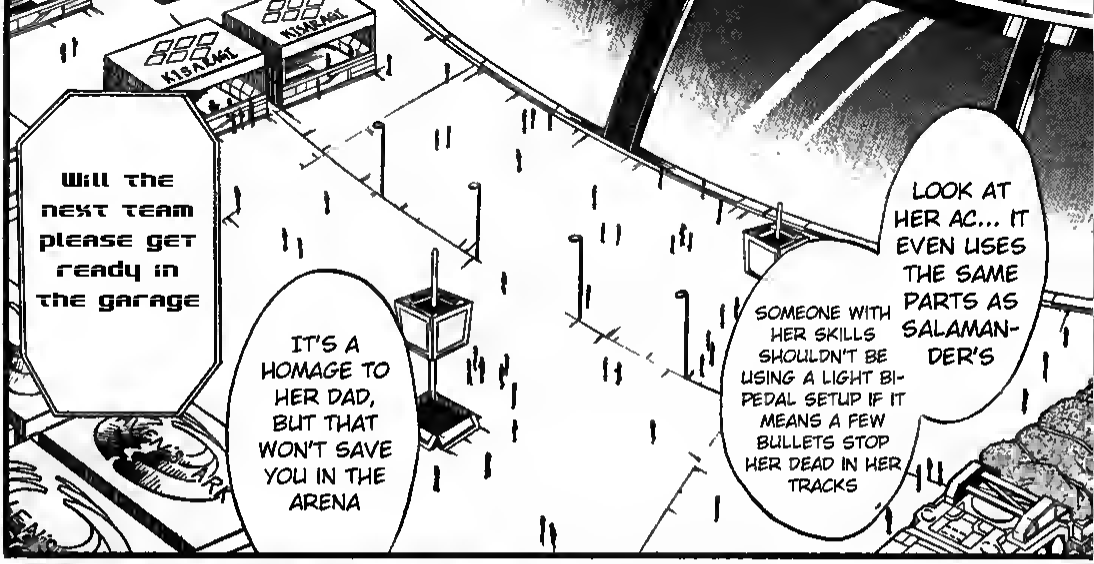
Winner, Vulcan-saber

Pilot name ...


Amber Maiden, function ceased
Further combat is impos-sible

THAT KIKKA GIRL
IT'S PRETTY CRAZY HOW SHE CAN MANEUVER LIKE THAT WITH THE OB
THOUGH HER SKILLS AS A RAVEN COULD BE BETTER
PARTS SHOP
I HEARD SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE... THE LATE SALAMANDER'S DAUGHTER
I GUESS WE CAN'T EXPECT ANY LESS FROM THE DAUGHTER OF THE INDEPENDENT UNIT "FLIGHT NEST'S" FORMER LEADER... I GUESS
BUT SHE'S GOT A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE SHE'S AT HER DAD'S LEVEL


Flight Nest, semi-member, Kikka
Kikka!

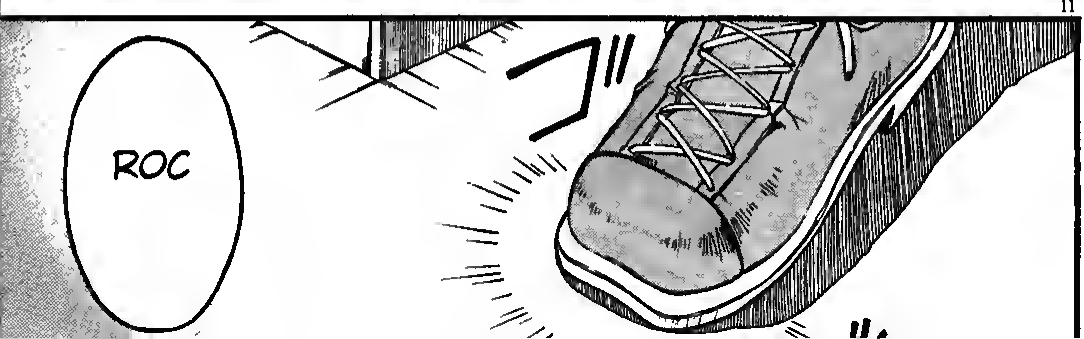

Will the next team please get ready in the garage
IT'S A HOMAGE TO HER DAD, BUT THAT WON'T SAVE YOU IN THE ARENA
SOMEONE WITH HER SKILLS SHOULDN'T BE USING A LIGHT BI-PEDAL SETUP IF IT MEANS A FEW BULLETS STOP HER DEAD IN HER TRACKS
LOOK AT HER AC... IT EVEN USES THE SAME PARTS AS SALAMANDER'S

...WHY
DID YOU ONLY AIM FOR MY CORE (COCKPIT)
WERE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?

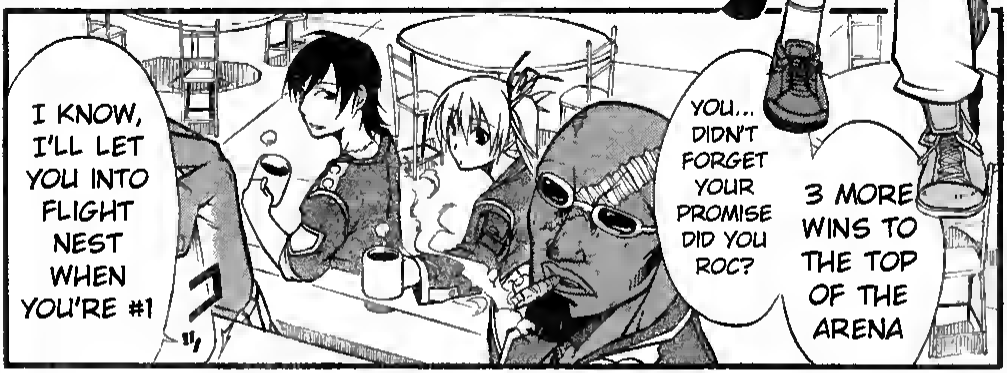
THAT MACHINE WAS ONLY STRONG BECAUSE IT WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE FELTORICA ARMY'S ACE PILOT, SALAMANDER
KIKKA!

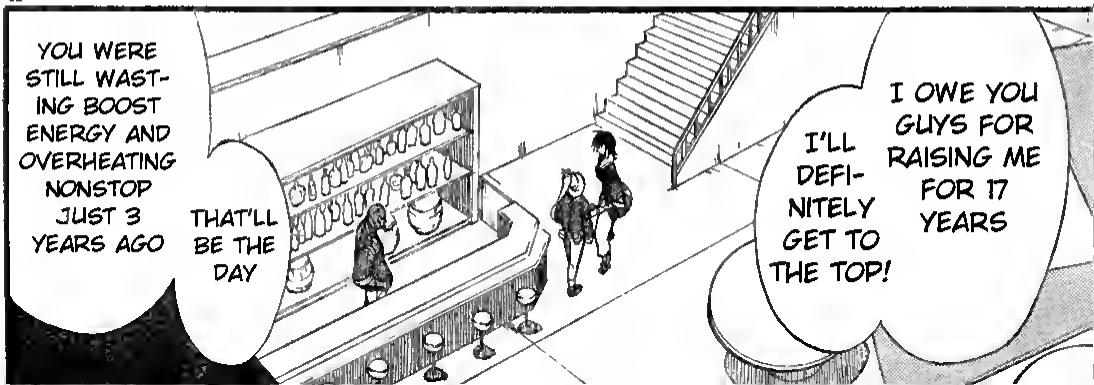
Flight Nest, semi-member, from the Raven's Ark, Storche
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK...
SERVICES YOUR AC?

Route 66

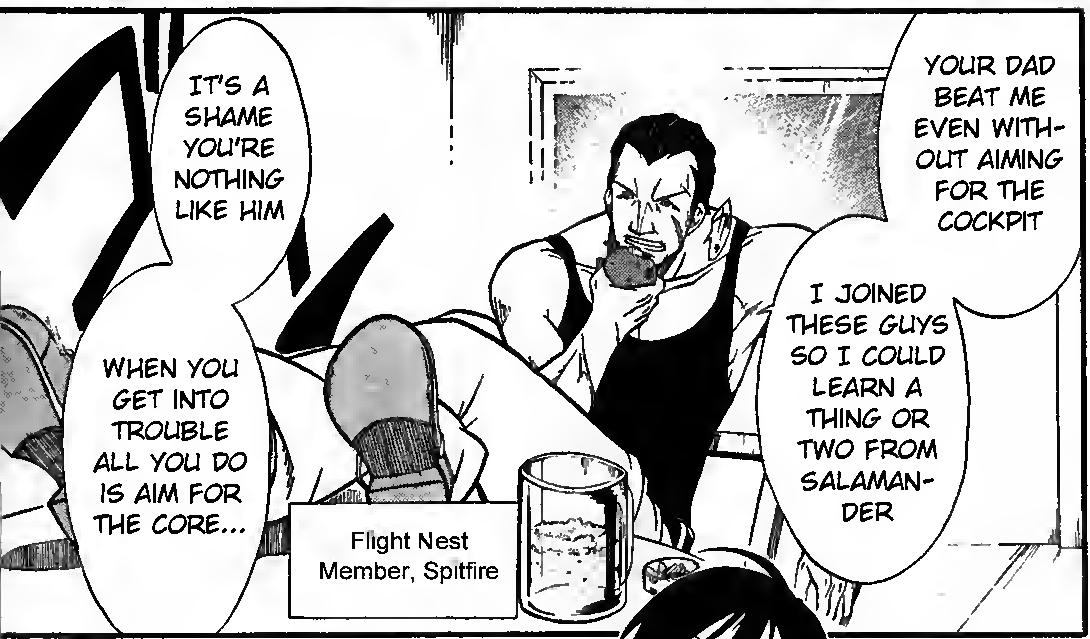

ROC

Flight Nest, Leader, Roc
SUP
I USED YOUR SHOWERS
THANKS


I KNOW, I'LL LET YOU INTO FLIGHT NEST WHEN YOU'RE #1
YOU... DIDN'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE DID YOU ROC?
3 MORE WINS TO THE TOP OF THE ARENA

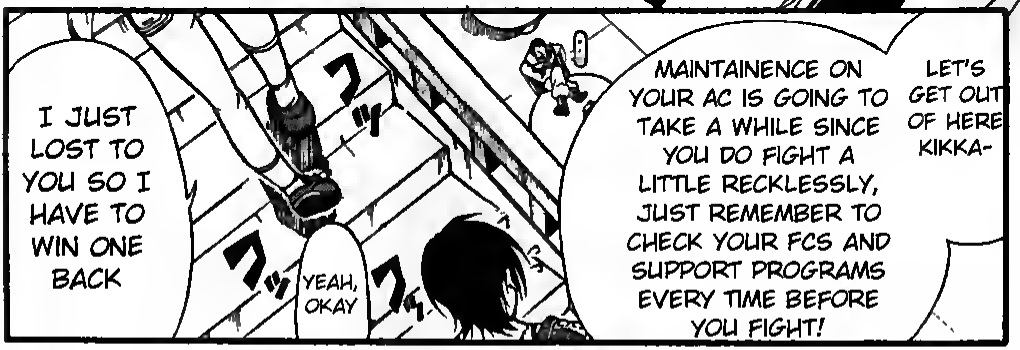

YOU WERE STILL WASTING BOOST ENERGY AND OVERHEATING NONSTOP JUST 3 YEARS AGO
THAT'LL BE THE DAY
I'LL DEFINITELY GET TO THE TOP!
I OWE YOU GUYS FOR RAISING ME FOR 17 YEARS

SO THAT'S WHERE YOU LEARNED THAT CHEAP WAY OF FIGHTING?
YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T JUST LUCK OUT?
THAT'S UNFAIR, IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS SKIPPING OUT ON TRAINING SESSIONS
I'M FINALLY SHOWING RESULTS AT LEAST


IT'S A SHAME YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE HIM
YOUR DAD BEAT ME EVEN WITHOUT AIMING FOR THE COCKPIT
WHEN YOU GET INTO TROUBLE ALL YOU DO IS AIM FOR THE CORE...
I JOINED THESE GUYS SO I COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM SALAMANDER
Flight Nest Member, Spitfire

HA-
HA-
HA-
HA-
HA-
HA-
HA-
HA-
HA-
HA-
NOT THAT EITHER OF THOSE ARE GOING TO HELP YOU INSIDE AN AC
ALL YOU HAVE ARE TRICKY STRATEGIES
AND HUGE KNOCKERS
!!

HA-
.....
RETARD


I JUST LOST TO YOU SO I HAVE TO WIN ONE BACK
YEAH, OKAY
MAINTAINENCE ON YOUR AC IS GOING TO TAKE A WHILE SINCE YOU DO FIGHT A LITTLE RECKLESSLY, JUST REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR FCS AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS EVERY TIME BEFORE YOU FIGHT!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE KIKKA-

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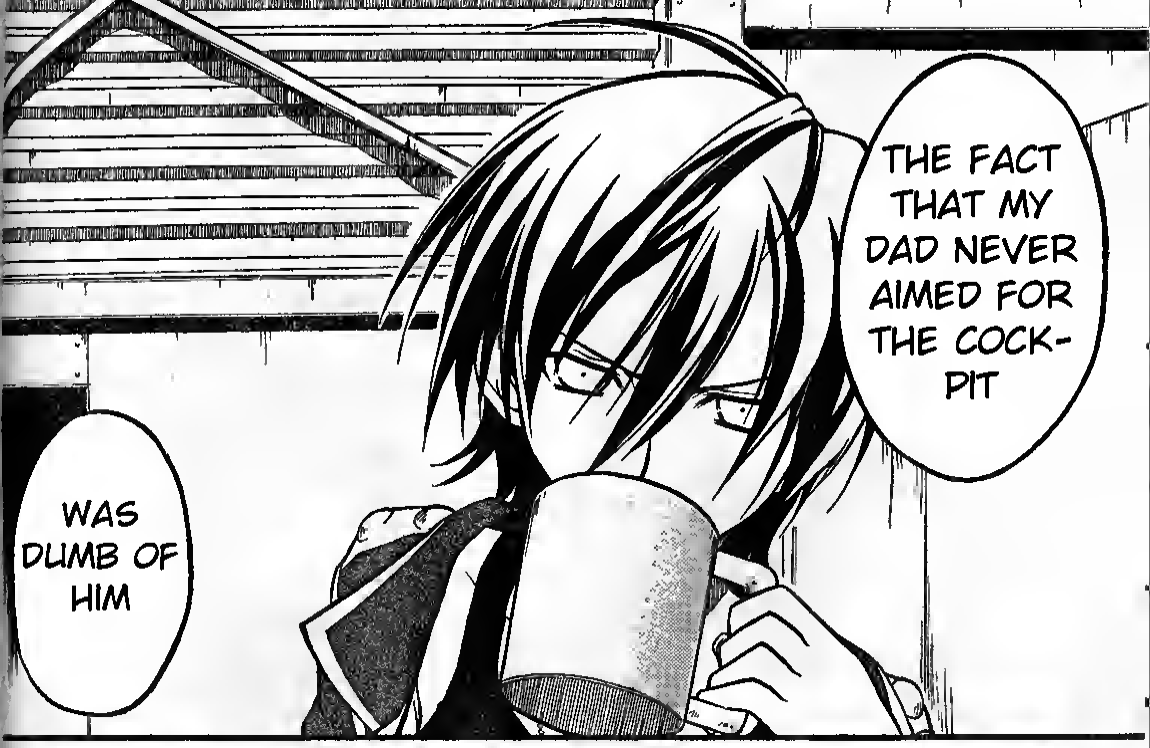
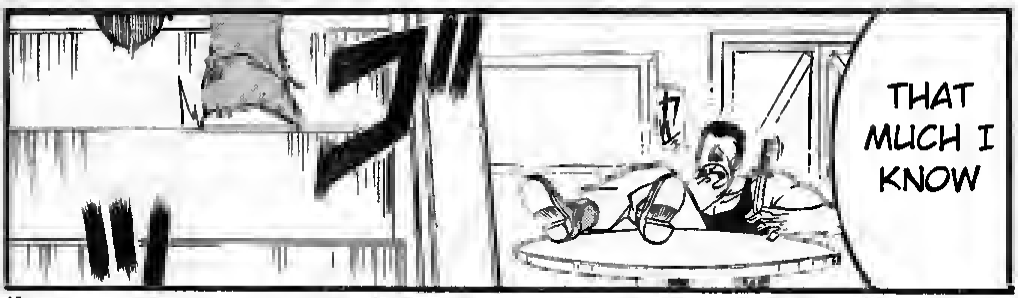
THE ONLY PILOT SUIT THAT WOULD FIT ME DID COST ME A SMALL FORTUNE!
I'M KINDA EMBAR-ASSED AT HOW EVERY-ONE ALWAYS SAYS THEY'RE HUGE YOU KNOW!
They stick out like the body of an AC!
...THOUGH YOUR CHEST REALLY DOES... LOOK LIKE IT TAKES UP A LOT OF "WEIGHT"

OH RIGHT!
SPIT-FIRE
THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT TO KNOW
YOU SAY THAT MY DAD BEAT YOU WITH-OUT AIMING FOR YOUR COCKPIT
BUT IT WAS THAT VERY RULE OF HIS THAT DID HIM IN...
AND HE WAS KILLED BY THE FEL-TORICA ARMY THAT HE WAS ONCE A PART OF
I AD-MIRED THE FACT THAT HE WAS AN AC PILOT
SO I THOUGH T I WOULD BECOME A RAVEN JUST LIKE HIM
THAT'S WHY EVEN MY AC LOOKS LIKE HIS
I KNOW IT SOUNDS CHILDISH
BUT


THE FACT THAT MY DAD NEVER AIMED FOR THE COCK-PIT
WAS DUMB OF HIM


THAT MUCH I KNOW

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SO ROC
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HER THE TRUTH?

HOW THE WORLD IS ACTUALLY LIKE
SHE'S 17 ALREADY
YOU CAN'T HIDE IT FROM HER FOREVER
I KNOW
Flight Nest Member, Meteor

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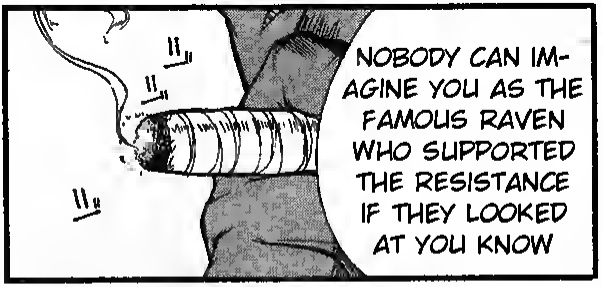
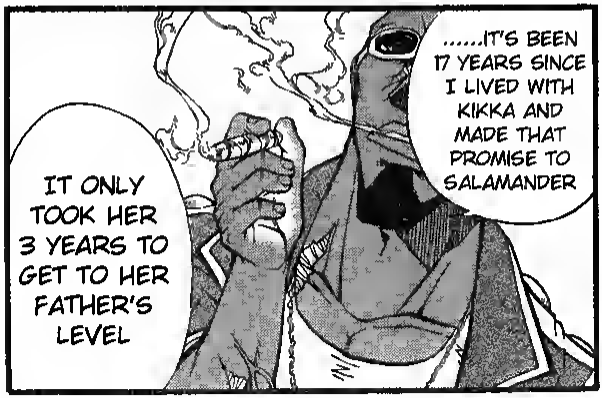
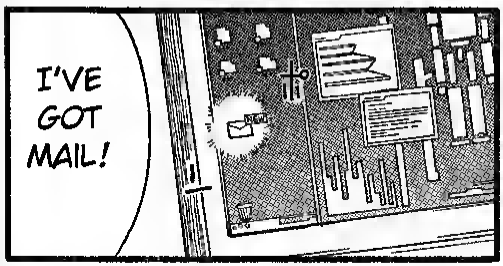
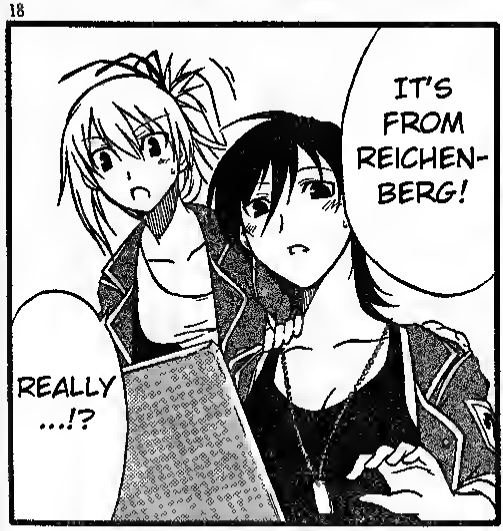

NOBODY CAN IMAGINE YOU AS THE FAMOUS RAVEN WHO SUPPORTED THE RESISTANCE IF THEY LOOKED AT YOU KNOW

YOU SAY YOU KNOW... BUT YOU'RE JUST AFRAID SHE'LL HATE YOU FOR IT LATER
TELLING THE TRUTH
YOU'VE GONE SOFT

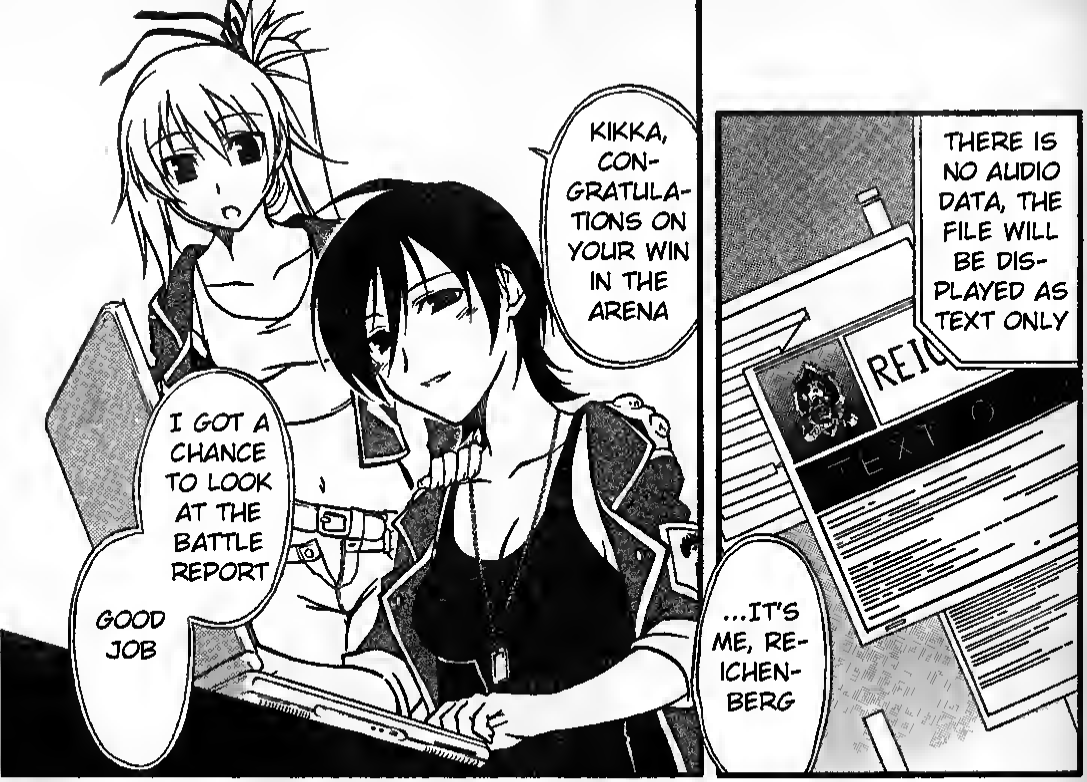

.....IT'S BEEN 17 YEARS SINCE I LIVED WITH KIKKA AND MADE THAT PROMISE TO SALAMANDER
IT ONLY TOOK HER 3 YEARS TO GET TO HER FATHER'S LEVEL

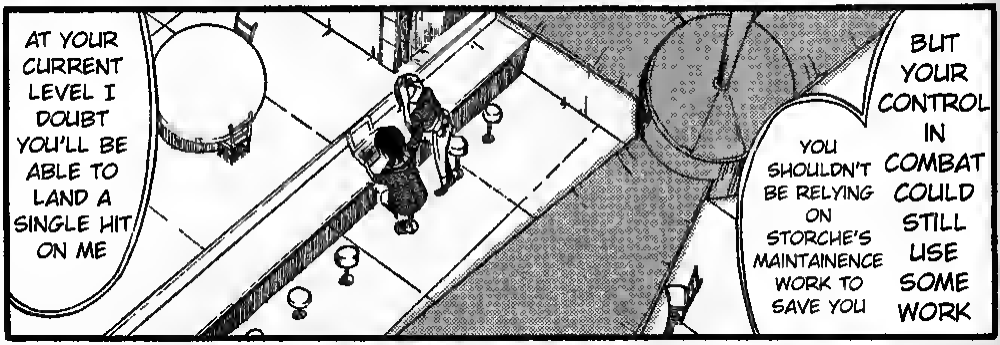
I COULD SAY THAT I'D BE OKAY WITH HER HATING ME...
BUT THEN I'D BE LYING

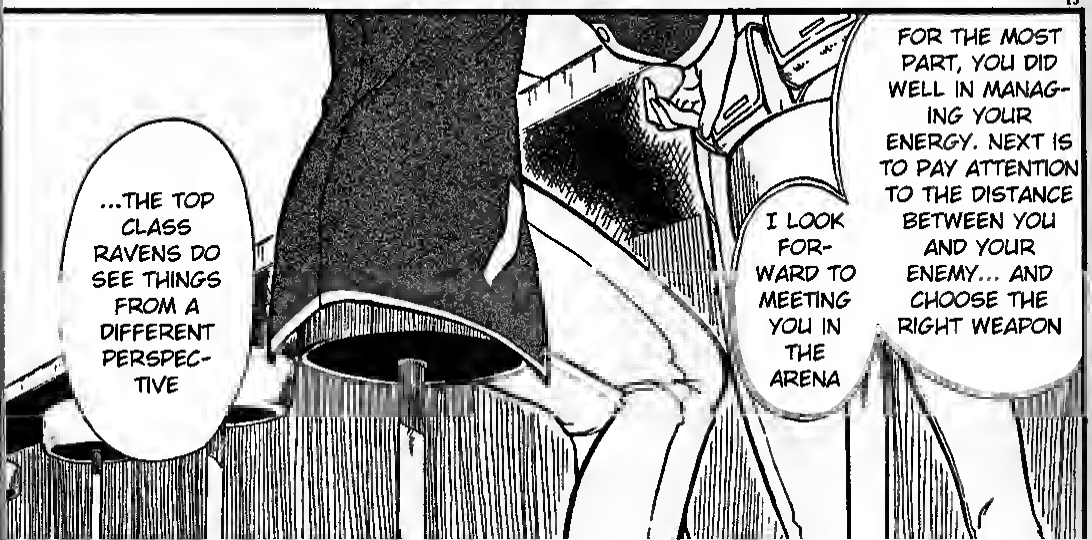

I'VE GOT MAIL!

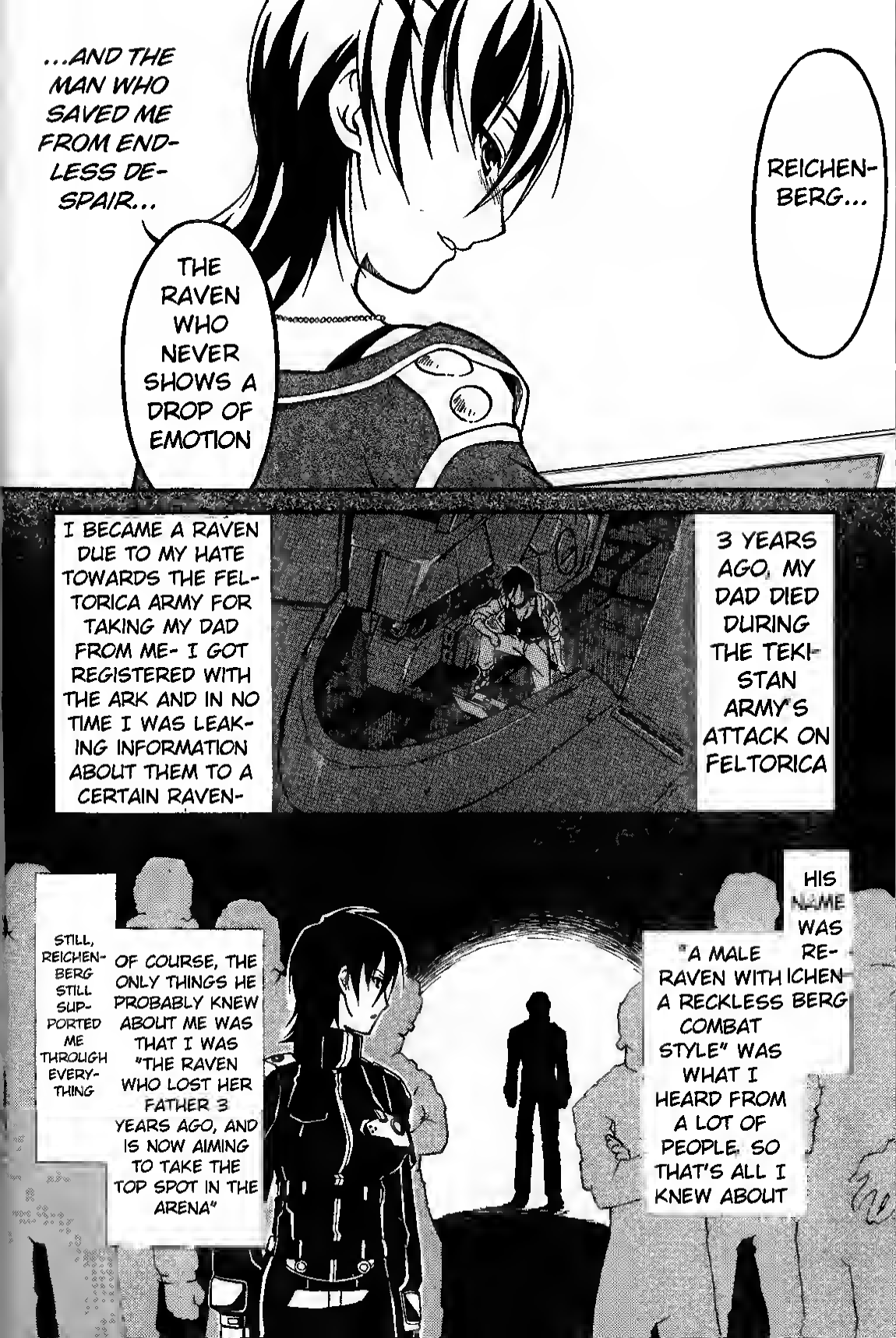

IT'S FROM REICHENBERG!
REALLY ...!?

SHE'S A GIRL WHO GREW UP TO LEAD A MAN'S LIFE...
NOW THAT SALAMANDER'S DEAD
I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING HER GUARDIAN


KIKKA, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WIN IN THE ARENA
I GOT A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE BATTLE REPORT
GOOD JOB
THERE IS NO AUDIO DATA, THE FILE WILL BE DISPLAYED AS TEXT ONLY
...IT'S ME, REICHENBERG


AT YOUR CURRENT LEVEL I DOUBT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LAND A SINGLE HIT ON ME
YOU SHOULDN'T BE RELYING ON STORCHE'S MAINTAINENCE WORK TO SAVE YOU
BUT YOUR CONTROL IN COMBAT COULD STILL USE SOME WORK


...THE TOP CLASS RAVENS DO SEE THINGS FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE
I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN THE ARENA
FOR THE MOST PART, YOU DID WELL IN MANAGING YOUR ENERGY. NEXT IS TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR ENEMY... AND CHOOSE THE RIGHT WEAPON


...AND THE MAN WHO SAVED ME FROM END-LESS DE-SPAIR...
THE RAVEN WHO NEVER SHOWS A DROP OF EMOTION
REICHEN-BERG...
I BECAME A RAVEN DUE TO MY HATE TOWARDS THE FEL-TORICA ARMY FOR TAKING MY DAD FROM ME- I GOT REGISTERED WITH THE ARK AND IN NO TIME I WAS LEAK-ING INFORMATION ABOUT THEM TO A CERTAIN RAVEN-
3 YEARS AGO, MY DAD DIED DURING THE TEKI-STAN ARMY'S ATTACK ON FELTORICA
HIS NAME WAS RE-ICHEN-BERG
"A MALE RAVEN WITH A RECKLESS COMBAT STYLE" WAS WHAT I HEARD FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO THAT'S ALL I KNEW ABOUT
OF COURSE, THE ONLY THINGS HE PROBABLY KNEW ABOUT ME WAS THAT I WAS "THE RAVEN WHO LOST HER FATHER 3 YEARS AGO, AND IS NOW AIMING TO TAKE THE TOP SPOT IN THE ARENA"
STILL, REICHEN-BERG STILL SUP-PORTED ME THROUGH EVERY-THING

IT WAS AS IF I HAD A SECOND DAD...
-IT'D BE NICE TO FI-NALLY MEET HIM...
WHO? RE-ICHEN-BERG?
YEAH SO I CAN THANK HIM FOR ALL HE'S DONE FOR ME
AHH... WELL I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM TOO
WHY?
BECAUSE I DID WORK ON HIS AC ONCE

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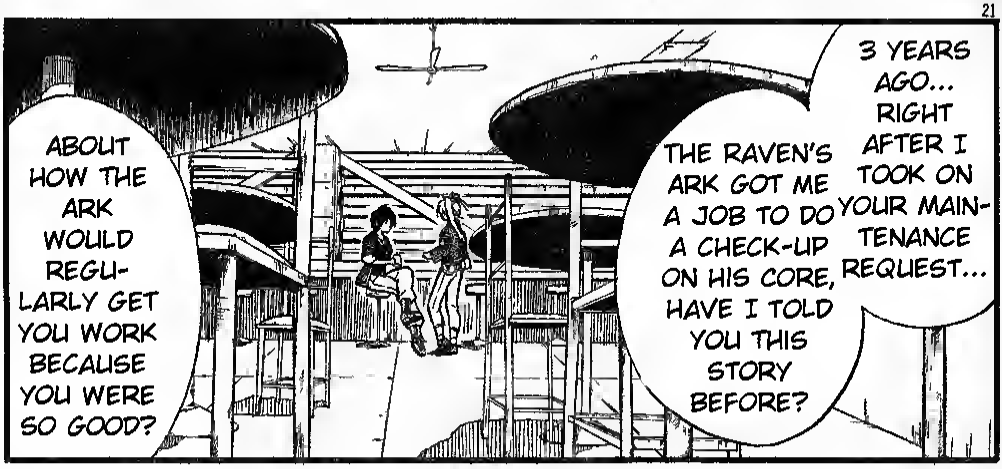
3 YEARS AGO... RIGHT AFTER I TOOK ON YOUR MAIN-TENANCE REQUEST...
THE RAVEN'S ARK GOT ME A JOB TO DO A CHECK-UP ON HIS CORE, HAVE I TOLD YOU THIS STORY BEFORE?
ABOUT HOW THE ARK WOULD REGU-LARLY GET YOU WORK BECAUSE YOU WERE SO GOOD?

YEAH
I WAS AN APPRENTICE AC MECHANIC UNDER MY FATHER WHEN I WAS LITTLE. HIS WORK WAS PERFECT, AND WAS EVEN GREAT AT PILOTING
IT'S BECAUSE OF HIM THAT I CAN TRUST MY WORK SO MUCH
BUT WHEN I WENT TO CHECK HIS CORE
IT STOPPED MY HEART

BUT BECAUSE HE'S THE KIND OF GUY WHO AVOIDS MEETING PEOPLE
I WASN'T ABLE TO MEET HIM THAT TIME...

EVERYTHING INSIDE HAD BEEN MAINTAINED TO A VERY HIGH STANDARD
GREATER THAN WHAT I COULD'VE DONE...

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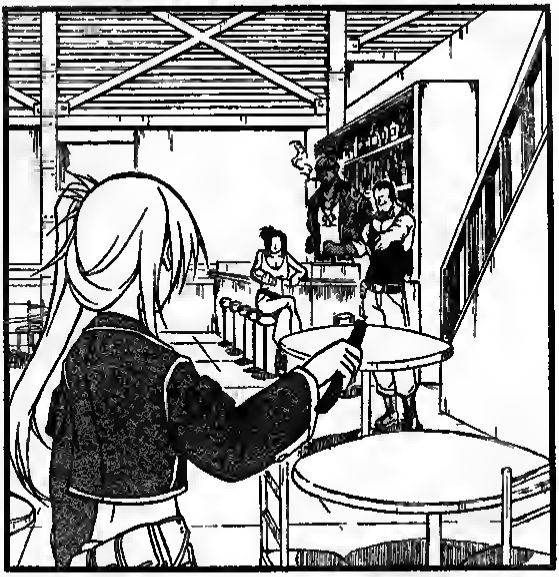
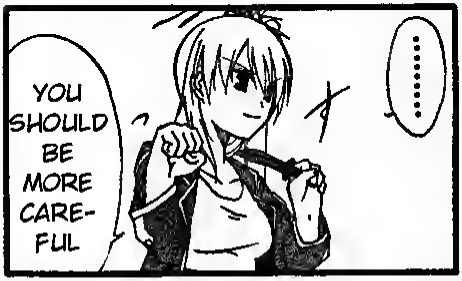
...YEAH
SEE
THAT'S WHY I WON'T TELL IF YOU DON'T ASK
SO IT'S THE FELTOR-ICA ARMY

HEY
SURE
ROC, I GOT CALLED FOR A JOB
I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE RAVEN'S ARK FOR A BIT

YOU FORGOT SOMETHING

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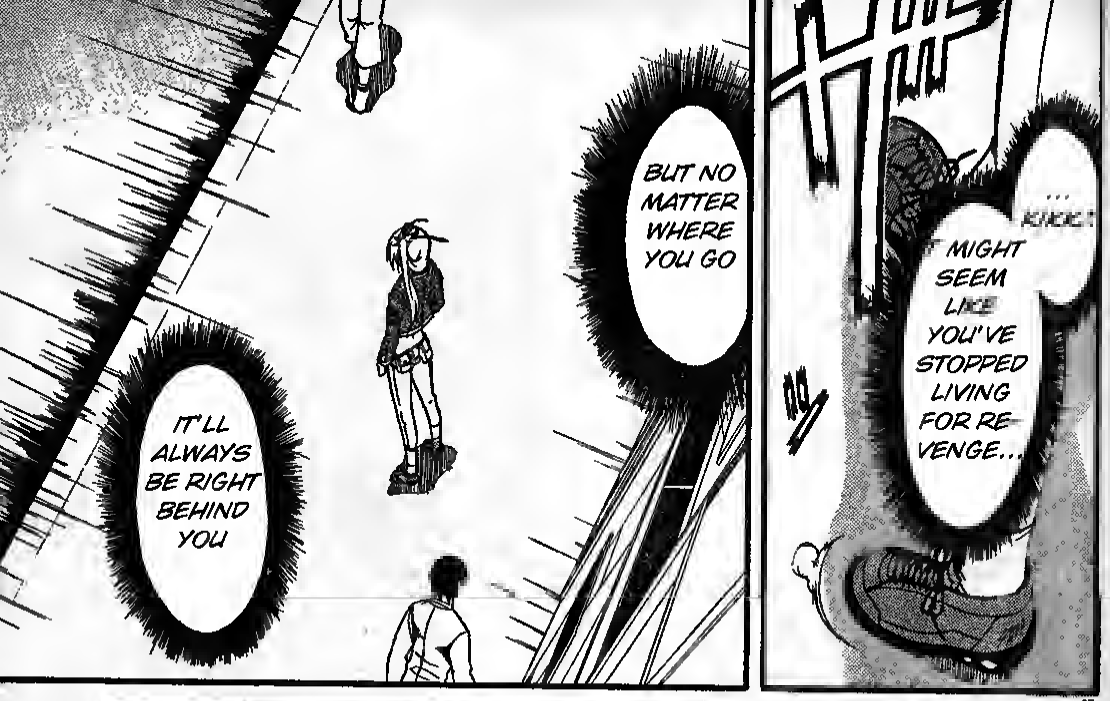
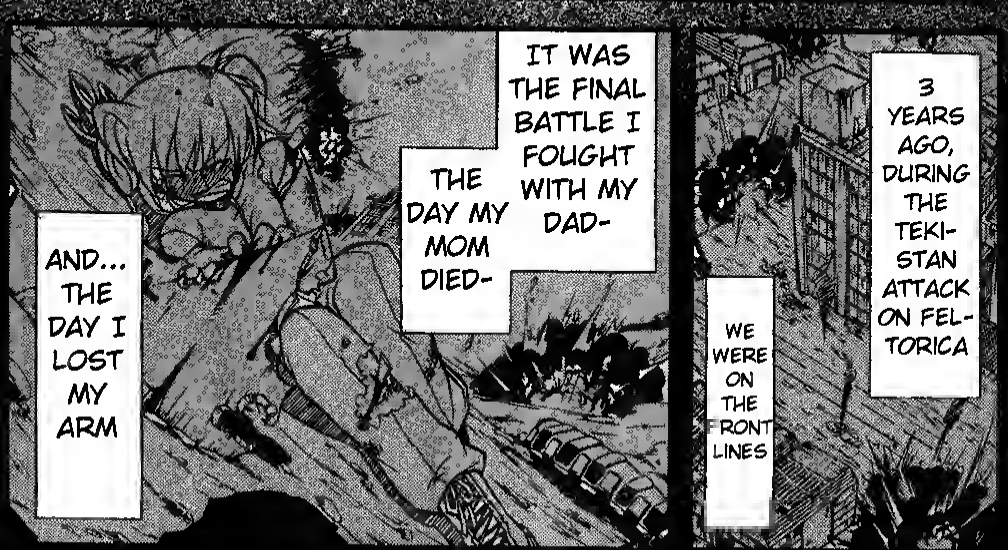
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL

I THREW IT BECAUSE I KNEW THAT
HAVE A SAFE TRIP
...HE REALLY IS RETARDED

YOU WOULD'VE HURT ME REAL BAD
IF THIS THING WASN'T PROSTHETIC

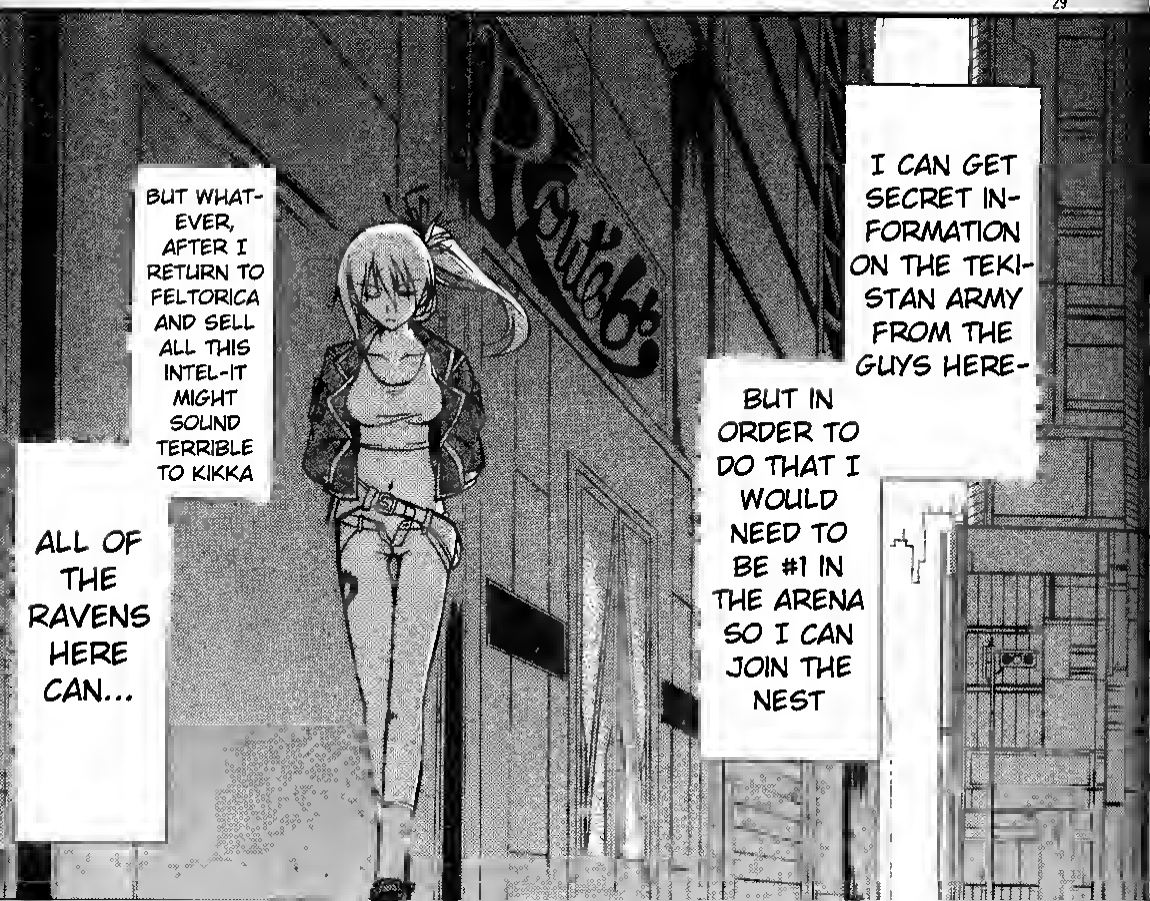

BUT NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO
IT'LL ALWAYS BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU
...KNEE?
MIGHT SEEM LIKE YOU'VE STOPPED LIVING FOR REVENGE...

LIKE ME...


AND... THE DAY I LOST MY ARM
THE DAY MY MOM DIED-
IT WAS THE FINAL BATTLE I FOUGHT WITH MY DAD-
WE WERE ON THE FRONT LINES
3 YEARS AGO, DURING THE TEKI-STAN ATTACK ON FEL-TORICA

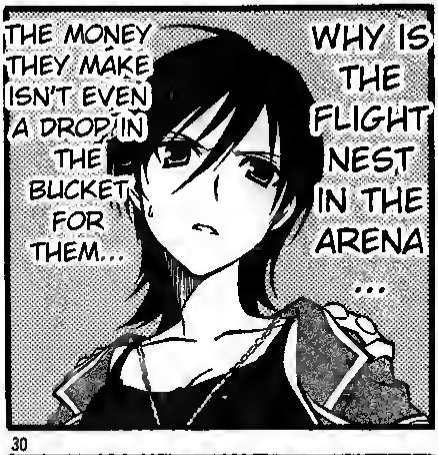
Route 66
AND THE ONES WHO TOOK MY ARM FROM ME
WAS THE FLIGHT NEST!

I'LL GET MY REVENGE
FROM THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK MY PARENTS FROM ME
EVEN IF THEY ARE JUST HIRED GUNS FROM THE TEKISTAN


I CAN GET SECRET INFORMATION ON THE TEKISTAN ARMY FROM THE GUYS HERE-
BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT I WOULD NEED TO BE #1 IN THE ARENA SO I CAN JOIN THE NEST
BUT WHATEVER, AFTER I RETURN TO FELTORICA AND SELL ALL THIS INTEL-IT MIGHT SOUND TERRIBLE TO KIKKA
ALL OF THE RAVENS HERE CAN...

IT'S ME, SWEET-IE
HUH?

DIE FOR ALL I CARE
ROC
WHO'S MY NEXT OPPO-NENT?


THE MONEY THEY MAKE ISN'T EVEN A DROP IN THE BUCKET FOR THEM...
WHY IS THE FLIGHT NEST IN THE ARENA ...

I'LL BE THERE TOO
S...SPIT FIRE, YOU?!

IT WAS UNDER MY ORDER

...ROC
WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE BATTLEFIELD ISN'T A SANDBOX FOR YOU TO PLAY IN
IF YOU FOUGHT THE WAY YOU DO IN A REAL WAR YOU'D GET YOUR BUDDIES KILLED

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN GET CLOSER TO WHAT YOUR DAD WAS FROM BETTING IT ALL ON A SINGLE HIT
YOU WON'T LIVE LONG AS A RAVEN
WHAT HE MEANS
IS THAT YOU SHOULD JUST GIVE UP AND GO BACK TO SEPERATING SCRAP IN THE YARD
EITHER WAY
I'LL JUST HAVE TO SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN
BY CRUSHING YOUR VULCANSABER...

WITH MY BELOVED AC
WILL KIK-KA'S TECH-NIQUES WORK AGAINST A VET-ERAN RAVEN!?
THE TITAN FIST!
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「ARMORED CORE TOWER CITY BLADE」

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ANYWAY, GIVING ORDERS LIKE THIS?
WHAT,
ARE YOU DENSE? ARE YOU RETARDED OR SOMETHING? WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?
I'M THE GODDAMN BATMAN.

YOU EX-
PECTED
SOME
CUTE
GIRL?
TOO
BAD!
IT'S
ME,
RANCE
!
GAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA-
HA

Terminology used and notes:

AP stands for Armor Points, meaning effective health

OB stands for Overed Boost, a stronger version of the regular thruster boost at the expense of large amounts of energy

A "Plus" refers to the terms "Human Plus" or "Optional Part - Intensify" in the series. They are as described in the comic; people who have undergone procedures to have beyond human capabilities, the most prominent being the ability to fire back-equipped cannons in mid-air (the game restricts the player from doing so normaly)

The Raven's Ark is an organisation which manages all Ravens in terms of getting them contracts and keeping track of their whereabouts

Finally, for those curious, Tekistan and Feltorica are made up factions unique to this story and the Armored Core: Fort Tower Song light novel. They have not appeared in any other Armored Core works. - SMG